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To VIKTOR[i].

[95 groups unrecovered]

and did not want to remain there where

[46 groups unrecoverable]

as it is hard to explain a trip of this sort. [B% The only] admissible cover story for a temporary trip is to refer to the deterioration in the health of his old father who lives there and is kept by NIK[ii] and his brothers. NIK could go for two weeks to identify IGLA[iii], to establish conditions for contact and a perpetual password and after that to return to TYRE[TIR][iv]. NIK pointed out that this alternative does not guarantee success since on

[20 groups unrecoverable]

a year ago was preparing to leave the city. The other possibility is to use ChEP[v] as the identifier of IGLA. Telegraph your opinion. We consider it better to use ChEP [3 groups unrecovered] password with IGLA.

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MAJ[vi]

Comments:

- [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
- [ii] NIK: i.e. "NICK," Amadeo SABATINI.
- [iii] IGLA: i.e. "NEEDLE," Jones Orin YORK.
- [iv] TIR: NEW YORK CITY.
- [v] ChEP: i.e. "CHAP," unidentified.
- [vi] MAJ: i.e. "MAY," Stepan APRESYAN.

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